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**Nova Scotia Lobster Season Opens.**

The dealers are looking forward to the opening of the lobster season in the provinces, which begins December 15. They do not expect a large quantity on the steamers due next Thursday, as the fishermen will not have an opportunity to draw their lobster pots in time to catch the boats, but on the boat due next Sunday there will be a big shipment.

The Canadian authorities are looking sharply after the lobster fishermen, and advices received this week said that the revenue cutters had visited many places, breaking up lobster traps already set and releasing the lobsters, and obliging the fishermen who were anxious to get in on the first shipment to conform with the law.

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**Fishing Fleet Movements.**

Sch. Arbutus sailed on a Newfoundland herring trip yesterday in command of Capt. Frank Nolan. Sch. James A. Garfield also sailed for Bay of Islands yesterday.

Schs. Lillian and Mildred Robinson were at Canso, N. S., on Saturday.

**Codfish Fare Sold.**

Sch. Mina Swim has sold her fare of codfish to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Co.

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**BAY OF ISLANDS  
HERRING PLENTY**

Advices to the Boston Fish Bureau state that herring were scarce on Monday, and that many of the fleet there were preparing to go to Bay of Islands, where the fish were reported plenty, to complete loading. Schs. J. J. Flaherty, Annie M. Parker and Judique were loaded at Bonne Bay, and ready and waiting a chance to sail. The Parker had pan frozen herring.

The dispatch also stated that schs. Arthur James, Arcadia and Ralph L. Hall were the last vessels to sail for home with salt herring cargoes.

From Bay of Islands, the Bureau learns that the herring are now plentiful and of the finest quality, and that some of the vessels will be loaded and ready to sail for home this week.

Herring have struck at Fortune Bay, despatches to that effect having been received here yesterday, and efforts are being made to charter the Lockeport, N. S., sch. Ida M. Clark, now at this port with a cargo of barrelled salt herring, and have her proceed there for a cargo.

Schs. Gossip, Lena and Maud and Corsair have arrived at Bay of Islands.

Five American schooners, schs. T. M. Nicholson, Essex, Lizzie Griffin, Elizabeth N. and Smuggler cleared from Louisburg, C. B., Monday, for the herring fishery at Bay of Islands, N. F.

**The Herring Fleet at Bay of Islands.**

A letter to the Times from Bay of Islands, N. F., states that sch. Arethusia had 550 barrels of salt herring on board December 8, which was more than any other vessel there had at that time. The prospect was not much improved, there being quite a lot of herring in the North and Middle Arms. Sch. Saladin was the only vessel in the North Arm at that time, being anchored handy to where schs. Henry M. Stanley and Hazel R. Hines were when they dragged ashore. It was a hard place to fish, but the herring were there. Chaney Hall had arrived from Bonne Bay and visited all the Arms in a gasoline launch. There were four Nova Scotia vessels in the bay, two at Wood's Island and two at McIver's. They had no bulk of herring, and would not average 150 barrels to each craft.

Schs. S. P. Willard and Theodore Roosevelt lay at McIver's wharf and are picking up some herring, but had no big fishing. They had about 250 barrels each. Sch. Hiram Lowell arrived at Woods Island on the eighth. Sch. George Parker is also at Woods

Island. Her mainsail was torn and Capt. Farmer had to take it ashore to fix it, sending to St. John's for duck. Sch. A. V. S. Woodruff was also at Woods Island, and had no herring to speak of. Last Saturday the herring situation looked better and some of the skippers were figuring on getting loaded this week, provided the herring held on in the Arms.

**Newfoundland Government Reports**

The latest Newfoundland government herring intelligence says:

Sound Island—Few herring in nets; codfish scarce.

Lark Harbor—No herring.

Birchy Cove—Good fishing in all the Arms except the Humber.

Nipper's Harbor—Wind west; light, fine; little codfish; herring striking in plentiful.

Pilley's Island—Moderate and fine; codfish and herring scarce.

Bonne Bay—Herring fishing continues fairly good; three vessels will finish loading today. (Saturday).

St. Jacques—Two seines hauled at Rencontre Friday, taking 500 and 250 barrels respectively; good fishing for nets here; abundance of herring in bay; size 11 and 12 inches.

**Taken in Large Quantities at Fortune, St. Mary's and Placentia Bays.**

Steamer Portia at St. John's reports there is an abundance of herring in Fortune, St. Mary's and Placentia bays, and large quantities are being taken by the residents of these bays. Capt. Fitzpatrick says those herring are not of the old school, which lived in these waters 10 or 15 years ago, but are of a smaller size. The captain has made a careful study of the herring at Salmonier for the past five years, and always found their growth to average about 1 1/4 inches each year, and he feels confident that the herring now there are not of the old school of big herring, though they are fairly large in Placentia bay and Fortune bay, and of good medium size in St. Mary's bay. In the captain's opinion, these bays have now enough herring to last for 20 years, if they are properly cared for, and not driven away, as they have been in Bonne bay, and Bay of Islands, which places, he says, will have to wait 10 years for another school of herring to grow, before they will have them in the same quantities as before.

Herring are also present at Fermeuse and Cape Broyle, and when the Portia came along nets were out, a circumstance which Capt. Fitzpatrick says, he never saw before.

There is a good sign of codfish at Rose Blanche and vicinity, but the weather has been too stormy to permit of operations by the fishermen.

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**Portland Fish Notes.**

As a result of the storm, practically the entire fishing fleet remained in port Tuesday, and not a single craft left the harbor until late in the afternoon, when the wind had decreased. Nearly all the fishing vessels were tied up at Commercial wharf and the day was spent by baiting up trawls, preparing to go out as soon as the weather moderates. The following schooners were tied up at the wharves: Fannie Hayden, Wataugo, Fanny Reed, Bernie and Bessie, A. P. Parkhurst, Mary E. Sennett, Lochinvar, George H. Lube, Albert W. Black, Angie B. Watson, Margie Turner and the sloops Hobson, Defender, Minerva, Bennie, Crusader. The entire fleet arrived in port Monday night in time to escape the fury of the 52 mile gale, and the skippers said Tuesday that they were mighty glad to be tied up at the wharf, as the night was the most severe of the season.

During the gale, sch. Margie Turner was lying at the end of Commercial wharf, broadside to the wind and sea and Tuesday morning in the height of the breeze, she pounded hard against the end of the wharf, and on one roll her rail, abreast of the foremast, crashed against the wharf, and broke for about six feet. Afterwards the vessel was hauled around on the west side of the wharf into a better harbor. The damage to the rail will be very slight and can be quickly repaired.

The following fares were landed Tuesday: Schs. Lochinvar, 10,000 lbs. fish; George H. Lube, 12,000; Angie B. Watson, 12,000.

**Shore Fleet Still in Port.**

Most of the market boats are still in port this morning, their skippers evidently not liking the looks of the continued low glass. Only a few went out and several that were out came in during the forenoon.

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**SCH. GOV. AMES  
A TOTAL LOSS.****Captain and Wife and Twelve  
of Crew Drowned.**

Capt. C. H. King, his wife and 12 members of the crew of the five-masted sch. Governor Ames of Boston were killed or drowned in the gale off Cape Hatteras last Monday, according to Josiah Speering, the sole survivor of the wreck, who was pulled up clinging to some rail wood ties by steamer Shawmut and landed at Charleston, S. C.

Frantic efforts were made to save the captain's wife. As the gale tossed the ship about, the crew, spurred on by the pleadings of the captain, lashed her first to one part of the ship, and then to another. The lashings broke, and before she could be secured safely again, one of the masts toppled on her and crushed out her life.

The schooner was bound for New York from Brunswick, Ga., with a great cargo of railroad ties. Off Wimble Shoals, there was a crash as the schooner grounded heavily.

For hours the crew had been working without sleep trying to keep the ship on her course. The gale increased and the schooner was driven relentlessly toward the shoal.

Capt. King was a Lunenburg, N. S., man and quite well known here.

**PUGET SOUND FISHERMEN.****Big Run of Salmon Has Made This a  
Profitable Year for Them.**

The small fishermen of Puget Sound reaped a rich harvest during the recent big run of sockeye salmon. From Bellingham comes a story to the effect that the average catch of the individual fishermen during the run brought them \$800 apiece, which is pretty fair pay for a season of but a few weeks long. They will make some more from the humpbacks and the silver salmon yet to run, but of course nothing like as much as they did from the sockeyes, because the inferior fish command a very small price this year.

There were 75 boats out catching for the Bellingham canneries, and the average earning for each boat was \$9200. One boat had a catch of 80,000 fish, which was the record of the season. The biggest catch of any single day by one boat was 8000 fish. When it is considered what a large price the fish brought, it can be seen that, all things considered, there are very few occupations in which bigger returns can be had for the investment than in fishing for salmon during the years of a big run.

It was the fish traps, not the net fishermen, which caught the bulk of the salmon put up this season.

**ASHORE IN BOSTON HARBOR.****Sch. Massasoit Later Floated with  
the Aid of a Tug.**

Sch. Massasoit of Duxbury went ashore in coming up Boston harbor Tuesday afternoon about 4 o'clock in consequence of hugging the shore too closely to avoid a collision with steamer City of Macon, which was bound out. The schooner at first struck a boulder and hung there for a time, and when she moved off, the tide carried her further inshore and she again struck and held fast.

Capt. Leslie Thomas set his crew at work with a hawser, but they were unable to move her, and the tug Thomas Mann came along about 8 o'clock in the evening, and offered assistance, which was accepted and her efforts were finally successful.

The tug towed the schooner to T wharf, where the trip of fish was taken out, and the schooner will haul out for examination and repairs.

**Will Go Georges Halibuting.**

Sch. Juno, which was bought of Boston parties last fall by the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company, is on the Rocky Neck railways fixing up. She will have a thorough overhauling, and early in the new year will engage in the Georges halibut fishery under command of Capt. John Stream, formerly of sch. Kineo.



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# MARKET BOATS STILL IN PORT.

## Men Getting Discouraged With Long Blowy Spell.

There were no arrivals at this port during the night, so the only arrival up to early this morning, since the last report, was sch. Senator Saulsbury from an eastern deckhandling trip, with a nice fare of 50,000 pounds of salt cod.

Fresh bait is still a minus quantity, as the torchers are doing nothing. There are no pollock coming to split, as what few crafts are still at it are tending the market, striking good prices and doing well.

The skippers and men of the market boat fleet are about getting discouraged with the weather. If they get one set a week now, they are lucky, and two sets is indeed a great piece of luck. Some of the captains say that Sunday appears to be about the only day when they can get a chance to fish, and that this has been the case for the past three weeks. Once in a while they have got a dip in the middle of the week, but not often.

Several of the herring fleet are on the way home, and some of the halibuters and deck handliners are about due, so off-shore arrivals are expected before the week is out. Many of the crafts will come next week, no doubt, as the skippers and crews will figure on Christmas dinners at home.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

- Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**
- Sch. Senator Saulsbury, Quero Bank, deck handling, 50,000 lbs. salt cod.
  - Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
  - Sch. Blanche F. Irving, shore.
  - Sch. Alice, shore.
  - Sch. Hortense, shore.
  - Sch. Slade Gorton, via Boston.
  - Sch. Manomet, shore.

- Vessels Sailed.**
- Sch. Actor, pollocking.
  - Sch. Emerald, pollocking.
  - Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
  - Sch. Hope, shore.
  - Sch. Hattie L. Trask, eastern deck handling.
  - Sch. Rex, haddocking.

- Today's Fish Market.**
- Bank halibut 12c per lb.
  - Board of trade prices:
  - Large drift Georges cod, \$3.60 per cwt.; medium cod, \$3.25.
  - Large halibut cod, \$3 per cwt.; medium cod, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
  - Trawl salt Georges cod, large, \$3.50; mediums, \$3.
  - Large salt handline Georges cod, large, \$3.75; mediums, \$3.25.
  - Dory handline salt cod, large, \$3.25; medium, \$3.
  - Eastern drift salt cod, large, \$3.25 per cwt.; medium, \$3.
  - Trawl bank cod, large, \$3 per cwt.; medium, \$2.75; snappers, \$1.50.
  - Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2; snappers, \$1.
  - Salt pollock, \$1 per cwt.; salt haddock, \$1; salt hake, \$1.
  - Splitting prices for fresh fish, Western cod, large, \$2 per cwt.; medium do., \$1.65; Eastern cod, large, \$1.70; medium cod, \$1.40; cusk, \$1.65 for large, \$1.20 for medium and 50c for snappers; haddock, 65 cts.; hake, 90 cts.; pollock, 60 cts.

- Fishing Fleet Movements.**
- Schs. Mildred Robinson and Lillian sailed from Canso, N. S., on Monday.

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## LEAKED ABOUT RUDDER POST.

### Sch. James A. Garfield Returned for Repairs.

Sch. James A. Garfield, Capt. Joachim Murray, which sailed from here Tuesday on a herring trip, bound for Bay of Islands, N. F., put back yesterday morning leaking about the rudder post and hauled out on the Rocky Neck railways for repairs. The leak showed soon after the craft left here and before the craft had got far on her voyage and the skipper thought it best to return and repair here rather than take the risk of the leak becoming worse and later being obliged to go in for repairs on the Cape Shore.

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# FARES AT T WHARF SMALL.

## Boston Fish Supply Not Equal to the Demand.

The fish in the 16 arrivals at T wharf this morning will not even supply the demand, let alone glut the market. The fares run small and prices are well sustained as they have been all the week. There are only two off-shore crafts in the lot and these have small catches, having been up against bad weather to the eastward.

The off-shores were schs. Francis J. O'Hara, Jr., and Esperanto, the former with 39,000 pounds and the latter with 23,000 pounds.

Of the shore boats sch. Rose Standish has a corking good trip, 24,000 pounds and will get a way up stock. Sch. Helen B. Thomas has 15,000 pounds and the other boats have from 2000 to 9000 pounds.

Old haddock brought \$2.50 with new off-shores selling for \$3.50, while shores brought \$4.50, and cod, hake and pollock all brought high figures.

The arrivals in detail are:

- Boston Arrivals.**
- Sch. Edith Silveira, 2500 haddock, 2500 cod.
  - Sch. Helen B. Thomas, 7000 haddock, 5000 cod, 3000 hake.
  - Sch. Ida S. Brooks, 1500 haddock, 1200 cod, 500 pollock.
  - Sch. Olivia Sears, 3000 pollock.
  - Sch. Stranger, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 4000 hake.
  - Sch. Columbia, 2000 cod.
  - Sch. Hobo, 4000 cod.
  - Sch. Actor, 2500 pollock.
  - Sch. Little Fanny, 1500 haddock, 1200 cod, 4000 pollock.
  - Sch. Valentinnia, 3000 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 pollock.
  - Sch. Rose Standish, 5000 haddock, 4000 cod, 3000 hake, 12,000 pollock.
  - Sch. Walter P. Goulart, 6000 haddock, 500 cod, 400 hake, 1500 pollock.
  - Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 2000 haddock, 2000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk, 1000 pollock.
  - Sch. Leo, 3000 haddock, 400 cod.
  - Sch. Frances J. O'Hara, Jr., 18,000 haddock, 18,000 cod, 2000 hake, 1000 cusk.
  - Sch. Esperanto, 13,000 haddock, 6000 cod, 4000 pollock.
  - Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4.50 per cwt.; large cod, \$4.50 to \$5.50; market cod, \$2.50 to \$3; hake, \$2 to \$4; pollock, \$2.50; cusk, \$2.

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## Portland Fish Notes.

Wednesday sch. Angie B. Watson arrived in port with 12,000 pounds of mixed fish and a large amount of brim. Capt. Thomas Skofield was one of the few fishermen to go out after the gale of Tuesday night and his quick return with a big fare was a great surprise at Commercial wharf. Capt. Skofield is recognized as one of the most able in the local fishing fleet as a catcher of brim he has the other skippers tied to the post.

The herring season is about over at this port, most of the craft engaged in the business having hauled up. Sch. M. J. Sewall arrived up from the Kennebec river a few days ago with 550 barrels, which were put into the freezers of the Portland Cold Storage Co.

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## Sch. Hazel R. Hines Will Reload Cargo.

Capt. Lovitt W. Hines returned to Yarmouth, N. S., from Bay of Islands. He states that sch. Hazel R. Hines was floated leaking slightly. The salt and herring on board were discharged in a lighter, the vessel hove down and garboards caulked, and then towed off. She leaks a little, but is able to reload her fish, and when her full complement is obtained will proceed to this port, where permanent repairs will be made. Her shoe and keel are injured. Capt. Hines secured two anchors from one of the wrecked vessels near by.

### Yarmouth, N. S., Fish Notes.

Sch. Kernwood was in Friday with a fare of 15,000 pounds.

American schs. Quickstep, Jas. R. Clark and Viola landed their fares on Wednesday, which will be shipped to Boston. The first had 24,000, the Clark had 13,000 and the Viola 6000.

The Digby schs. Loran B. Snow and Alcyon took shelter here on Wednesday. The former had 75,000 lbs. and the latter 25,000.

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# ONE COD NETTER CAME YESTERDAY

## No Offshore Fishing Arrivals At This Port.

This is another morning which sees the harbor bare of fishing arrivals. The netting steamer Nomad came in yesterday afternoon with a small catch of cod and pollock, but off-shore trips are still being looked for and no Newfoundlanders showed up.

All the shore boats went out during the night, although the glass still held low, for they figured that some who ventured out yesterday managed to get a dip. This morning, however, it is blowing hard outside and the chances are that most of them will be back before noon.

The torchers are still shy of fresh herring, and in consequence the trade in frozen bait is good.

The receipts in detail are:

- Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**
- Steamer Nomad, shore, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
  - Sch. Massasoit, via Boston.
  - Sch. Ida S. Brooks, via Boston.
  - Sch. Tecumseh, shore.
  - Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore.
  - Sch. Walter P. Goulart, via Boston.
  - Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.
  - Sch. Rebecca, shore.
  - Sch. Lucania, via Boston.
  - Sch. Ethel B. Penney, shore.
  - Sch. Leo, shore.
  - Sch. Teresa and Alice, shore.
  - Sch. Emerald, shore.
  - Sch. Pontiac, shore.
  - Sch. Georgiana, shore.
  - Sch. Valentinnia, shore.
  - Sch. Reliance, shore.
  - Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
  - Sch. Leo, shore.
  - Sch. Hattie F. Knowlton, shore.
  - Sch. Maud F. Silva, shore.
  - Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
  - Sch. Mary E. Cooney, shore.
  - Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
  - Sch. Buema, shore.
  - Sch. Emily Cooney, shore.
  - Sch. Athena, shore.
  - Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore.
  - Sch. Galatea, shore.

### Vessels Sailed.

- Sch. Mettacommet, shore.
- Sch. Ida M. Silva, shore.
- Sch. Hortense, shore.
- Sch. Edith Silveira, shore.
- Sch. Emily Sears, pollocking.
- Sch. Blanche F. Irving, pollocking.
- Sch. James W. Parker haddocking.
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- Br. sch. Ida M. Clark, Lockeport, N. S.

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### Fishing Fleet Movements.

- Sch. Earl V. S. cleared for Lunenburg, N. S., December 6, for Bay of Islands, N. F.

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## Stock and Share of Sch. Mina Swim.

Sch. Mina Swim, Capt. William Goodwin, weighed off 87,000 pounds of salt fish, as the result of her recent Quero Bank deck handling trip, making the fine stock of \$2445.46, the high line of the crew sharing \$84.